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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rideout of Manchester.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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AN ACT Establishing the Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources  
Within the Forestry Department.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 10, § 402, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 402 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The commissioner shall organize a Division of Research and Planning, a Division of Industrial Promotion, a Division of Vacational Travel Promotion and a Division of Publicity and Public Relations ~~and a Division of Geological Survey.~~

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 10, c. 101, sub-c. VI, repealed and replaced. Subchapter VI of chapter 101 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 204 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 10, part 5-A, additional. Title 10 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new part 5-A, to read as follows:

PART 5-A

GEOLOGY

CHAPTER 501

BUREAU OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

§ 2121. Establishment; purposes; organization

There is established within the Forestry Department a Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, hereinafter in this chapter to be called "the bureau".

The purpose of this bureau is to administer and control the programs of the Maine Geological Survey and other natural resource functions of the State as directed by law, and to provide administrative and fiscal assistance for the Maine Mining Bureau. The Forest Commissioner may employ a geologist as director of the bureau and such other geologists as deemed necessary. The director shall act as Administrator of the Maine Mining Bureau. The director may employ, subject to the Personnel Law, such employees as are necessary to carry out the duties imposed by law and tradition upon the bureau. The present State Geologist shall, for the duration of his existing contract, succeed to the position of director.

The bureau shall:

1. Information and promotion. Gather and compile geologic information of both the bedrock and surficial features of the State; present this information in printed maps and reports for the general public and the mining industry; assist existing mining operations in the State; and promote the development of the mineral potential of the State.
2. Employees. Employ professional geologists, subject to the Personnel Law, or as contractual employees, under contracts approved by the Governor and the Executive Council, to perform geologic mapping on specific projects in Maine and to provide basic geologic information and the location and environment of mineral deposits. The results obtained from the projects shall be compiled and published, the cost of such publication to be borne by the printing fund.
3. Assistance. Provide advisory assistance to any mining company interested in exploring the mineral resources of the State. Members of the bureau staff shall visit the executive offices of mining companies from time to time in order to maintain the interest of company executives in mineral development within the State.
4. Research projects. Initiate and develop research projects in the field of economic geology and basic geology which are necessary to advance the total geologic knowledge of the State.
5. Investigations. Conduct investigations of natural and physical resources so as to assist other state agencies in providing information on the physical environment of the State. Such investigation shall include, but not be limited to, physical marine resources and urban environmental studies.

§ 2122. Printing fund established

There is established within the bureau a revolving fund for the use of the bureau to cover printing and distribution costs for geological and related technical literature. The director is authorized to fix the price at which publications of the bureau may be sold and delivered. The bureau shall receive without charge 10% of all such publications for complimentary distribution. The director is further authorized to fix the price at which the United States Geological Survey and other United States Government maps, charts and other publications may be sold and delivered, provided such publications are specifically authorized for resale by the originating agency and are spe-

cifically concerned with technical information on the State of Maine. Income from the sale of publications shall be credited to the revolving fund to be used as a continuing carrying account to carry out the purposes of the printing fund.

**Sec. 4. R. S., T. 12, § 501-A, sub-§ 9, additional.** Section 501-A of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 3 of chapter 226 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding a new subsection 9, as follows:

**9. Geology and mineral resources.** Informational and advisory assistance to promote the development of the mineral potential of the State.

**Sec. 5. Transfer of appropriation.** Any appropriation provided by the 104th Legislature to the Department of Economic Development for the operation of the Division of Geological Survey shall be transferred to the bureau.

**Sec. 6. Transfer of personnel.** All personnel employed or authorized for employment by action of the 104th Legislature within the Division of Geological Survey of the Department of Economic Development shall be transferred to the bureau.